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## General Comment

1. Page 2-5, last paragraph. Correct population info as follows:
From 1950 through 2008, the Bay watershed's population doubled, increasing from 8.4 million to 16.9 million. The 8-year period from 2000 to 2008 witnessed population growth of approximately 8 percent from 15.7 million. Today, nearly 17 million people live in the watershed. According to census data, the watershed's population grew by about 148,000 per year between 2000 and 2008.

2. Page 7-8, end of first paragraph in section 7.2.2. The following statement is very confusing:

"Starting in calendar years 2010–2013, the federal government will also be providing 2-year milestones."

Not sure what you are trying to say, but perhaps it should be revised to say "Starting in calendar year 2011, the federal government will begin developing two-year milestones for the period January 2012 through December 2013, and subsequent two-year periods of time."

3. Page 7-9, figure 7.1 needs to be revised. The x axis is incorrect and should indicate milestone periods that go through the end of a calendar year (e.g. Dec 2011, which is the end of the state's first milestone period) and start at the beginning of a calendar year (e.g. January 1, 2012, which is the beginning of the federal government's first two-year milestone period and the state's second two-year milestone period which will be from Jan 1, 2012 through Dec 31, 2013).